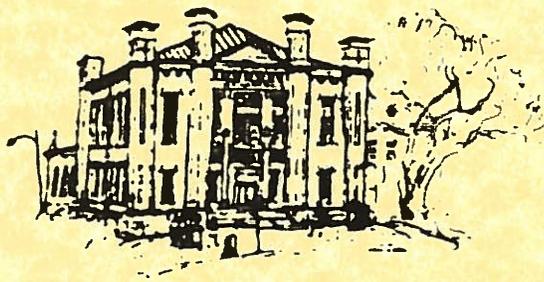


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK FEBRUARY 24th to MARCH 2nd, 2019

WHEREAS, Based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900s that continues to influence learning across the world and in the Pioneer Valley; and

WHEREAS, As a system for education for children from birth through the age of eighteen, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence, and self-confidence, and advance the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The Montessori method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and

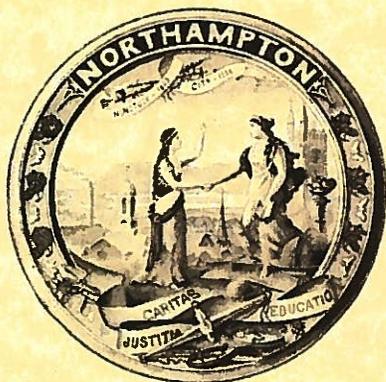
WHEREAS, This year marks the 112th year of Montessori education worldwide and the 42nd year of the Montessori School of Northampton,

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, **David Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton**, do hereby proclaim February 24th to March 2nd of 2019 as

MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the City of Northampton and encourage all residents to recognize the valuable contribution made by Montessori schools worldwide and by the Montessori School of Northampton in our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 24th day of February in the year 2019.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Narkewicz'.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz